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FORMER MANCHESTER MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG TRAFFICKING CONSPIRACY

   CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, NH State Police Colonel Gary Sloper, Manchester, NH Police Chief Mark Driscoll and the Drug Enforcement Agency New England Field Division, Special Agent in Charge Mark Trouville announced that Bunnan Oum, age 23, formerly of Manchester, NH, pleaded guilty today to an Indictment charging him with Conspiracy to Distribute Five Kilograms or more of Cocaine in United States District Court in Concord. Oum was one of seven defendants charged in the Indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Concord.

   The defendant faces a minimum mandatory ten year prison sentence and a potential maximum sentence of life in prison, as well as $4,000,000 fine. The defendant, who is in state custody on other drug charges, is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Steven McAuliffe on June 25, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

   U. S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "This case is the product of a two-year investigation of multi-kilogram cocaine trafficking in Lawrence, MA, Manchester, NH, and elsewhere in New Hampshire. The case, which employed various investigative techniques, is another fine example of the collaboration between state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies. This office and these agencies will always use all the resources necessary to prosecute interstate drug traffickers who distribute illicit drugs in our communities ." The N. H. State Police Narcotics Investigative Unit, the Manchester, NH Police Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration investigated this case.

   This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Clyde Garrigan, Mark Irish and Jean Weld.

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